

**CITY OF ROCHESTER
COMMITTEE ON URBAN DESIGN AND ENVIRONMENT
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The Committee on Urban Design and Environment (CUDE) met at 11:30 AM on Thursday, March 19, 2009 in Room 320 City Hall, Rochester, MN.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dick Abraham, Nora Dooley, Gail Eadie, Sandi Goslee, Dave Petersen, Jesse Wallace, Pauline Walle, Jean Weathers-Lowin

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Judisch – Chair, Mark Engel, Mark Jasmin, John Klopp, Lindsey Meek, Roger Nelson, Terry Spaeth, Zach Thaler,

OTHERS PRESENT: Stephan Lewis

The meeting began at 11:45 PM without a quorum; a quorum was reached at 12:05.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Due to a lack of a quorum, the February minutes will be considered at the April meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Elements of Livable Communities – Stephan Lewis

Mr. Lewis gave a presentation on the elements of livable communities; eventually, this is something CUDE could take to the City Council's Committee of the Whole meeting. Components include range of housing opportunities, benefits of density, live/work/walk, walkability, etc. A variety of transportation choices is vital; freedom of mobility vs freedom of access. We need to make development decisions predictable, fair, and cost-effective.

The presentation was interrupted by a mandatory evacuation of the building and will continue at the April meeting.

Adjourn – 12:40 PM; Next meeting will be April 16, 11:30 AM.